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Production of Sugarcane
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production and productivity of sugarcane across the country including Rajasthan has increased during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the farmers are imparted training to develop their skill in sugarcane cultivation to increase the production and productivity of sugarcane and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the quantum of funds given to States for promoting sugarcane farming and improving the conditions of sugarcane farmers during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): The production and productivity of sugarcane in the country has increased during 2012-13 to 2014-15 but the same has declined during 2015-16 on account of wide spread deficient rains in sub-tropical India. In Rajasthan, the production and productivity of sugarcane during 2012-13 to 2015-16 has followed a mixed trend. The State-wise details of production and productivity of sugarcane in the country from 2012-13 to 2015-16 are given in Annexure-I.

(c): To increase production and productivity of sugarcane in the country, Government of India is implementing since 2014-15 a Sugarcane Developmental Programme under the National Food Security Mission-Commercial Crops (NFSM-CC) in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh. Under this scheme, besides providing national and State level trainings, assistance is also provided for demonstration on inter-cropping and single bud technology of Sugarcane, demonstration on use of tissue culture seedlings/plantlets, strengthening/establishment of tissue culture and bio- agent laboratories, etc. With the approval of State level Sanctioning Committee under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, States can also support Sugarcane Development Programme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY).

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Total 2128 farmers from different parts of the country have been trained during last three years to develop their skill in sugarcane cultivation and increase its production and productivity in the country.

Further, to empower farmers with the latest knowledge / information on agriculture and train them for improving production and productivity of agricultural crops including sugarcane, the Government has adopted a multi-tiered extension strategy, which includes; (i) support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms; (ii) Mass Media Support to Agricultural Extension and Focused Publicity Campaigns; (iii) Agri-Clinic and Agri-Business Centres; (iv) Kisan Call Centres; (v) Information dissemination through Agriculture Fairs; and (vi) Kissan SMS Portal.

(d): State-wise details of funds allocated/released under the National Food Security Mission Commercial Crops (NFSM-CC)-Sugarcane for promotion of sugarcane cultivation and improving the conditions of sugarcane farmers during 2014-15 onwards are given in Annexure-II.